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PLEASE NOTICE.

In writing to this office to change the address of a paper, our subscribers will do us a favor by stating the office at which the paper is received, as well as the one which it is desired to be sent. Failure to do this puts us to a great deal of trouble and the necessity of going through a long list of names, involving not only much work, but much loss of time, when time IDEAL HOUSE:

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our correspondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith. And again, we must ask our friends-all-to condense what they have to say-boil it down. We are anxious to give as great variety as possible to our readers, and to do this the articles should be short and to

If any errors have been made in names or postoffices, in changing our mode of mailing THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, we trust our subscribers will promptly notify us of the fact, so that correction may be made.

THE BAGGING TRUST.

The farmers of the South are in a dilemma. The shrewd and grasping monopolists, knowing that the credit system so largely practiced in the South would force the farmers to market their cotton early, waited until they thought they could force them to buy jute bagging. Indeed a large dealer in New York wrote one of our leading citizens last week and said we might kick, but we would have to come to it. The prince of this tribe of robbers was before a committee of Congress last Friday and admitted that jute butts were lower in this month of August than they had been in ten years. They get the raw material cheaper and yet they corner on the product and advance it 100 per cent. He said if the duty on bagging and jute was not changed perhaps the trust would go out of existence, but the needs of the farmer "were absolute and imperative, and he must have the bagging no matter what the cost." In other words, "we know that the farmer is obliged to buy it, and we will make him pay all he can bear."

This is the spirit that actuates these robbers. The Alliance men of Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina have made up their minds not to use a single yard of this bagging if they can possibly use anything else. The merchants will buy cotton goods, or Burlaps or Gunny or Dundee bagging, or anything to aid the farmers, and the insurance men will carry the insurance. So we see no need for the farmers to be uneasy. Let such as are forced to sell to meet obligations to the merchants, go to their creditors and ask their aid until the cotton can be put up. A few merchants there may be who, having laid in their supply of jute bagging at a moderate price before the Trust fixed the price, are try-

ing to make the farmers believe that cotton put up in anything else than jute bagging "is not merchantable," and that insurance companies will not insure it.

Indeed we have seen such statements in the papers. The cotton merchants of Raleigh-those with whom we have conversed on the subjectwill buy all the cotton they can get and give the full market price, if it is wrapped in a cotton covering.

We believe this outrage will prove a blessing in disguise to the South. The way to fight a trust is with a trust. We can make bagging out of pine straw; we can make it of the bark of the cotton stalk; we can grow the jute and make it of that; or better than all, we can make it of the cotton itself and we predict that in less than a twelve month, there will be establishments in the South for making our own bagging. We wish the farmers of South were in position to say that they would use nothing but cotton bagging; that they would not buy a bag of corn or meal or oats or grain or guano, unless it was put up in cotton bags. Our advice to the farmers is not to buy a single yard of jute bagging if they can possibly avoid it. It is not known to most of our farmers that about thirty pounds is deducted from every bale of American cotton that is shipped to Liverpool, and consequently the farmer loses that in the price he receives, and if we can cover it with a lighter covering of cotton, of course a deduction will be made in proportion to the weight of such covering, but we will have this advantage: the cotton bagging will have a standard commercial value after it is taken off the bale, for it can be used for various purposes. We notice that a bale of cotton put up in pine straw bagging was sold in Wilmington last week and subjected to the severe test of the compress, and it stood the test finely. We are a people of wonderful resources and expedients, and if we will but remember the ordeal of the war which brought forth our powers of invention and of endurance and will resolve to be independent of bagging trusts, we will readily discover the means and the ability for accomplishing it.

OUR NEXT LEGISLATURE.

We have watched with some interest the character of men who are being selected as candidates to represent our people in our next General Assembly. As a rule, they are men of solid, substantial worth and character. The great mass of our voting and tax-paying population feel that "they have fallen upon evil times," and much of it is due to partial and unjust legislation, and they are casting about for the best and purest men to make our laws. We hope the farmers in all sections of the State, will secure the election of good, honest, straightfor ward citizens as representative-men who cannot be bull dozed nor bribed -men of convictions and with the manliness to stand by those convicnot Hander grad

The Wake County Alliance adopted a resolution asking the merchants of THE AUBURN ALLIANCE GALA Wake not to handle jute bagging. Nearly all of our Raleigh merchants are standing by the farmers. Barbee & Barbee have bought several thousand yards of Burlaps, which makes a neat and substantial covering; indeed it is the same style of covering used by our fathers years ago. It is now on the road and they think they will be able to sell it at a price not to exceed eight cents per yard, according to quality. Our Raleigh cotton buyers will pay full market price for cotton, whether wrapped in cotton or Burlaps. Again, we say to our farmers, do not buy a yard of jute bagging, if you can possibly avoid it. Let the Business Agents of the various Alliances be active and on the alert to aid their brethren in ridding themselves of this outrageous robbery. T

WHAT WILL THE FARMERS DO ABOUT IT?

At the meeting of our State Alliance that body put forth some demands which will be found in another column.

Our Legislature has been giving away our convict labor, and the Alliance says, it must be stopped. What say you?

Our Legislature has so circum scribed the powers and prerogatives of our Justices of the Peace, that the most trivial causes are often very costly and expensive. The Alliance says this must be corrected. What say you?

Our Legislators, our Judges and other public officials, ride with free passes or free tickets in their pockets, and the Alliance says that this is too great a strain on weak and frail human nature and must be stopped. What say you?

Our Legislature has refused to give the people a railroad commission to regulate freights and tariffs on our roads, and the Alliance says the peo-

ple must have it. What say you? Read the demands over and over again and ask yourself if they be right, if they be just and if the best interests of the whole people would be subserved by such laws. If you agree with the Alliance that they are right and just, then the question arises how can we secure these laws? The Inter-State Farmers' Association, which met one week after in this city passed a resolution without a dissent ing voice, which clearly points out the way. It reads thus:

Resolved, That we recommend to the farmers throughout the country that wisdom and self-interest should prompt them to secure as far as pos sible the selection of those in their respective parties as candidates for State and Federal legislative offices who will pledge themselves to further advance, in every legitimate way, the great agricultural interests of the country.

The State Alliance was composed of our most substantial and patriotic citizens and tax-payers. The Inter-State Association was composed of the same kind of material, representing nine Southern States. You have the opinion of the Alliance as to some of our needs in North Carolina, and you have the suggestion of the Inter-State Association as to the plan by which your needs may be met. Will you do it?

Let every farmer in the State constitute himself into a committee of one to call on the candidates for the Legislature in his county and show him these demands and tell him they are put forth by not less than 40,000 voters and taxpayers, and ask him how he stands on each and all of them. Let there be no evasion or dodging, but force them to speak out on these questions. If candidates are not already selected, be sure to go to your primary meeting and put these questions to those who are candidates for the nomination. Let the people show that they intend to be heard. Do you, as a farmer, agree with the Alliance in these demands? If so, we will not fail to get them.

DAY.

About fifteen hundred people were present. The place selected was a most admirable one for such an occasion. The marshals and all the members of Auburn Alliance won deserved praise from all present for the excellent arrangements and good order which marked the occasion. The dinner was simply splendid. We have never seen more real enjoyment and good humor in so large a crowd. It was a success in every particular. Speeches were made by Col. Pickett, State Organizer, A. D. Jones, M. W. Page, S. Otho Wilson, J. P. Goodwin, L. L. Polk, L. O. Lougee, W. T Rand, D. P. Meacham and J. M Turner. The rostrum was decorated

large melons. The Alliance, through Bro. P. W. Dowd, honored THE Pro-GRESSIVE FARMER with a melon weighing 68 pounds. We thought Bro. Dowd made a most happy and charming speech in presenting it

The most striking and significant feature of the decoration, however, was the silent notice served on the Bagging Trust. On a broad piece of white canvass, across the rear of the rostrum, was painted in large letters: Public Office is a Public Trust."

Bagging is a Private One.

And elevated far above the heads of the speakers, was a piece of jute bagging heavily draped in mourning.

We are under special obligations to Bros. Thomas Johns, Troy Pool, John Johns, P. W. Dowd and others for personal courtesies and kindness.

PEACEFUL REVOLUTION.

A mighty revolution is moving throughout the civilized world. Its progress is not marked by flaming sword or heralded by the shout of battle. It is peaceful and bloodless, but it is no less earnest, no less powerful because it moves under the spotless banner of peace and good will. The industries of the world have been thrown out of balance, and agriculture, the greatest of all, is the greatest sufferer. Under despotic governments the subjects have no hope for relief, except through terrible and bloody revolution. Under our form of government the ballot is our arbiter, and to that, over seven millions of farmers propose to appeal. They feel and know that many of their most grievous burthens have come through partial, discriminating and unjust legislation. They propose to remedy it. They propose to make their voice heard in the halls of our State and National legislatures. All over this land the farmers are making known their wants and wishes, and with such cool courage and determination that none who know the pluck and spirit of that class of our people, when once aroused, can doubt their ultimate triumph. They are terribly in earnest. They intend to demand their rights. They intend to inaugurate reforms, but only in strict conformity to the eternal principles of equity and justice.

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STALLINGS, N. C., Aug. 28, '88. Col. L. L. Polk .- Dear Sir :-Some time ago I saw an advertisement of an insurance company in Raleigh. I have lost it, and cannot remember the name of the company. The policy was non-forfeitable after three premiums had been paid. You will confer a great favor by placing me in communication with such agent. I hope to send you more subscribers soon. Yours, &c., X. X. X.

We regret to say that it is out of our power to give our friend the in formation he so much desires. There is not an insurance company represented in our advertising columns. We desire to inquire of the many insurance agents in this city whether they do not think it would be to their advantage to keep their business cards standing in our columns in order that they may secure a portion of the patronage of the thousands of subscribers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Secretary Boyett, of Florence Alliance, Johnston county, gives us a brief account of a grand picnic which took place at Beulah, on the 24th of August, in which several Alliances joined. Speeches were made by brethren R. M. Pulley, W. H. Wellons and B. W. Hatcher. The addresses were fine and were listened to with great pleasure and profit, and the dinner, which could not have been better, was finished off and washed down by an abundance of the finest watermelons. The best of good feeling prevailed throughout the day. "If any got mad they kept their tempers well bridled-if any got drunk they didn't stagger, and so, upon the whole, the with corn, cotton, tobacco, fruits and | day was spent very pleasantly."

ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.]

1124 Alliances in our State to-day. Organizers are requested to read President Alexander's order in regard to Deputy Organizers and govern themselves accordingly.

Bro Alex. Ritter, Secretary of 511. informs us of the death of Bro. Abner Brown, which took place on the 25th of August, ult., in the 55th year of

The Farmers Alliance of Mecklenburg have opened, a cotton office in Charlotte. The Alliance men will take their cotton their, have it graded. weighed and sold.

The Secretary, E. M. Gupton, writes a line stating that Sandy Creek Alliance, No. 295, adopted a resolution endorsing the action of Plain View Alliance on the Bagging Trust.

Cedar Rock Alliance is erecting a large two-story building. The hall above to be used for the Alliance and the one below for Bro. Dunn's splendid school. This is the right kind of

The Tarboro Southerner says the Farmers' Alliance has rapidly grown in Halifax county, where there are now twenty-three Sub-Alliances. In Edgecombe there are thirteen Alli-

Col. G. B. Pickett, National Lecturer and Organizer, and Dr. D. Reid Parker, Lecturer, of N. C. S. A., addressed a large crowd of farmers at Graham on Friday 31st ult, with great power and effect.

Blanks for Quarterly Reports of Subordinate Alliances, the plan for establishing our Business Agency, and our amended Constitutions, were mailed last week to all the Subordinate and County Secretaries.

A card has been sent to all our county secretaries asking for a full and correct list of all the sub-secretaries in their respective counties, with the postoffice address of each. Please send them to this office.

We urge upon all Subordinate Secretaries in the State to be prompt in making out and mailing to their County Secretary their quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30th. Do not delay. It is important that your County Secretary should have your report as soon as possible after your regular meeting.

Which Sub-Alliance in our State will get the premium of five tons of Raleigh Standard Fertilizer, at our State Fair? Remember this valuable premium will be given to the Sub-Alliance which makes the largest and best exhibit of agricultural products at our State Fair grown by its members. Who will get it? It is worth working for.

We mail this week, the official report of the proceedings of our State Alliance as directed by that body, to the Secretaries throughout the State. We feel sure that the brethren will agree with us in saying that the body did some good work. Let us all study it well and also our amended Constitution, so that we may act in perfect harmony.

All correspondence relating to the State Business Agency should be addressed to W. A. Darden, State Business Agent, Speight's Bridge, N. C. All matters relating to the Business Fund should be sent to W. A. Graham, Trustee, Machpelah, N. Send all notes or contributions for the Business Fund to him. He will send a transcript to this office and you will get your receipt.

We call attention of County Alliances and Deputy Organizers to Sec. 2, Art. 9, of our amended Constitution. At the first meeting of your County Alliance the commissions of the Deputy Organizers of your county will expire. See that your Committee on the Good of the Order for the county, recommends one or two good and competent men as Deputy Organizers for your county and send to this office, and they will be commissioned by our State Organizer. We trust the brethren will give prompt attention to this important matter.